



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 18, 2004

ROBINSON AND POST, L.L.P.  
NORTH DALLAS BANK TOWER, SUITE 575  
12900 PRESTON ROAD, LB-41  
DALLAS, TX 75230  
AA

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$10.00, for patent/serial number 10728440.

When you paid your filing fees, you used the old fee scale. We charged the extra \$10 and the extra \$1 for the claim to your deposit acct. The filing fee is \$385.00 and the claims are 43.00 for one.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR KURTZ  
Technical Center Others  
Refund Branch, Office of Finance

Enclosed is a true copy of the prior complete application as filed including the specification (with claims), drawings, declaration and power of attorney showing the signature.

The inventor named in the divisional application is the same as the prior application.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a DIV of 10/613,734, filed 7-3-03, which is a DIV of 09/477,167, filed 1-4-00, which is a CON of 08/726,024 filed 10/4/96, which claims priority from PROV 60/005,029 filed 10-6-95, and is also a CIP of US Patent 6,278,862 8-21-01."


Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$534.00 as payment for the Application Filing Fee (33 total claims, 4 independent claims). Basic fee = \$375 + 1 Additional Independent Claim @ \$42.00 = \$42 + 13 Additional Claims @ \$9.00 = \$117

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any fee overpayment relating to the filing of the above-referenced Patent Application and all documents relating thereto to: Deposit Account No. 18-1680.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 5, 2003

  
Richard K. Robinson (PTO Reg. No. 28,109)  
Harry C. Post, III (PTO Reg. No. 26,019)  
Attorneys for Applicant

Robinson & Post, L.L.P.  
North Dallas Bank Tower, Suite 575  
12900 Preston Road, LB-41  
Dallas, Texas 75230  
Tel: 972-866-7786  
Fax: 972-866-7787